

# BookletChart™

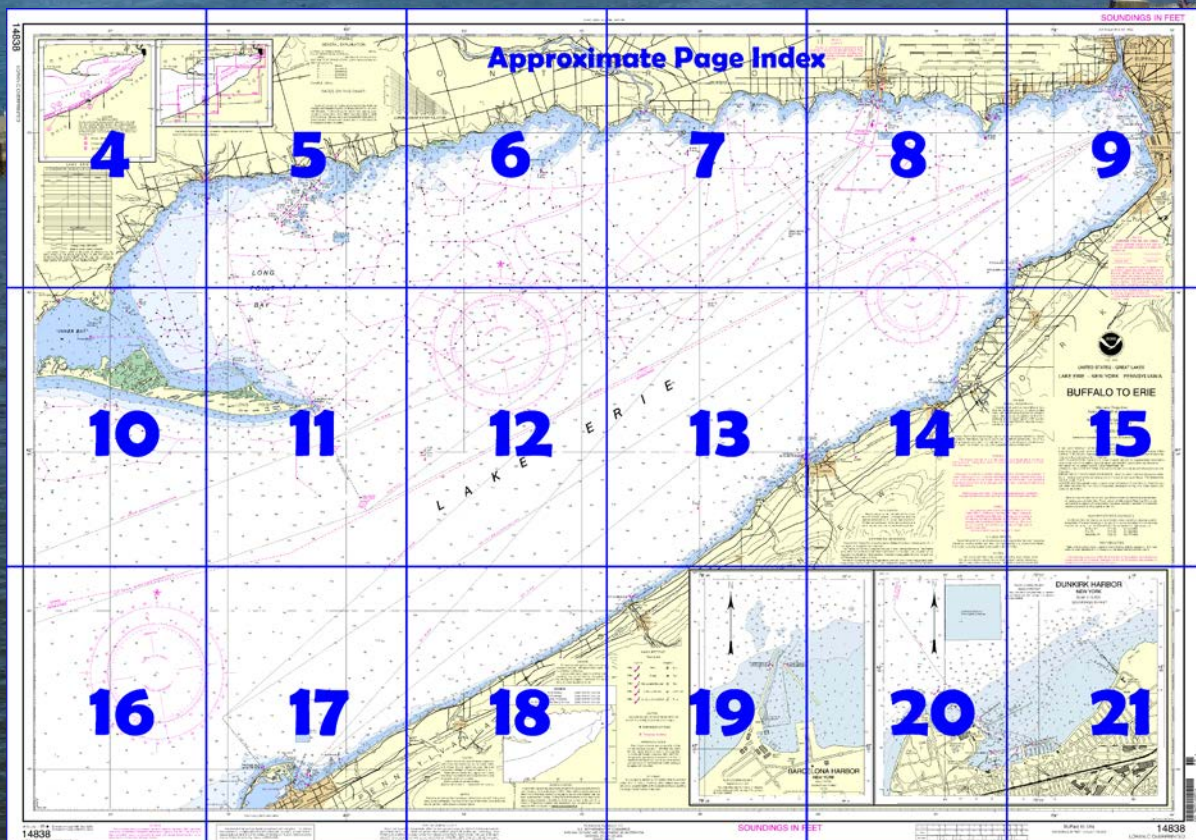
## Buffalo to Erie NOAA Chart 14838



*A reduced-scale NOAA nautical chart for small boaters*  
*When possible, use the full-size NOAA chart for navigation.*



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### What are Nautical Charts?

Nautical charts are a fundamental tool of marine navigation. They show water depths, obstructions, buoys, other aids to navigation, and much more. The information is shown in a way that promotes safe and efficient navigation. Chart carriage is mandatory on the commercial ships that carry America's commerce. They are also used on every Navy and Coast Guard ship, fishing and passenger vessels, and are widely carried by recreational boaters.

### What is a BookletChart™?

This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

Whenever possible, use the official, full scale NOAA nautical chart for navigation. Nautical chart sales agents are listed on the Internet at <http://www.NauticalCharts.NOAA.gov>.

This BookletChart does NOT fulfill chart carriage requirements for regulated commercial vessels under Titles 33 and 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

### Notice to Mariners Correction Status

This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.

For latest Coast Pilot excerpt visit the Office of Coast Survey website at [http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/coastpilot\\_w.php?book=6](http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/coastpilot_w.php?book=6).



**(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)**  
**Niagara River above Niagara Falls.**—At its east end, **Lake Erie** becomes comparatively narrow and has its outlet in the Niagara River. From the head of the river, it is about 20 miles to the falls and rapids of **American Falls** and **Horseshoe Falls**. About 5 miles below the head, the river is divided into two channels by **Strawberry Island** and **Grand Island**. **Tonawanda Channel** and **Niagara River Channel**, the U.S. channels, lead to the east of these islands,

and **Chippawa Channel**, the Canadian channel, leads to the west of these islands. At the lower end of Grand Island, the channels rejoin and lead for about 3.5 miles to the falls.

The **International boundary** between the United States and Canada

follows a general middle of the river course in the upper Niagara River from the head of the river downstream to the head of Grand Island where the river forks around the island. The boundary then follows Chippawa Channel and is generally less than 1,000 feet off the west shore of Grand Island until Chippawa Channel and Niagara River Channel join at the northwest end of Grand Island. The boundary again follows a general middle of the river course around the south side of **Goat Island** and over Niagara Falls.

**Caution.**—The canal generally has a slight current downstream. During rapidly rising or high water in Lake Erie, there is a strong crosscurrent at the south end of Bird Island Pier.

**Buffalo Harbor** is at the east end of Lake Erie, where the lake converges to an open and comparatively shallow bay about 8 miles across north and south and is subject to great storms from the southwest. The lake discharges into the Niagara River at the northeast corner of this bay. The city of **Buffalo, NY**, is along the E lakeshore and the east bank of the head of the **Niagara River**. **Buffalo River** meanders through the city from east to west and enters the lake near the head of the Niagara River. From **Stony Point** at the south end of Buffalo Harbor, the shoreline trends south for about 3.5 miles and is obstructed by shallow patches extending 1 mile offshore.

**Dangers.**—Numerous unmarked detached shoal spots with depths less than 30 feet are in the E end of Lake Erie, in the approaches to Buffalo Harbor and the Niagara River. **Waverly Shoal**, with a least depth of 10 feet, is 1.9 miles west-southwest of Buffalo Harbor Light. Depths of 18 feet extend about 0.4 mile North and 1 mile South from the shallowest part of the shoal.

Unmarked 20-foot shoals are 1.4 and 2.6 miles southwest of Buffalo Harbor Light.

An artificial reef is 1.9 miles south-southeast of Buffalo Harbor Light in about 42°50'41"N., 78°53'27"W.

**Presque Isle** (42°10.4'N., 80°04.8'W.) is a peninsula forming nearly landlocked Erie Harbor. The peninsula is connected to the mainland by a narrow neck at the west end and broadens as it curves around to the northeast and east. The entrance to Erie Harbor is on the south side of the east end of the peninsula.

**Erie Harbor**, about 78 miles southwest of Buffalo, is in **Presque Isle Bay**, enclosed from the lake by Presque Isle. The bay opens to the east and is about 4.5 miles long and 1.5 miles wide. Erie Harbor, serving the city of **Erie, PA**, is in the southeast part of the bay.

**Anchorage.**—Good anchorage is in the center of Presque Isle Bay in depths of 12 to 22 feet, mud bottom. Local regulations prohibit vessels from anchoring in any channel or mooring to channel markers and buoys. Vessels over 100 feet long or over 50 tons are prohibited from anchoring within 500 feet of the city water intake or sewer pipelines. The city water intake extends northwest across Presque Isle Bay and is marked by buoys.

**Dangers.**—An unmarked submerged pier, covered 1 to 2 feet, extends about 2,000 feet from shore 0.8 mile southsoutheast of Erie Harbor Pierhead Light.

**Harbor Regulations.**—Harbor Regulations are established by the Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority and enforced by the harbormaster. A speed limit of 3 mph (2.6 knots) is enforced in the East and West Canal Basins and within 300 feet of the shoreline, and 5 mph (4.4 knots) elsewhere in the harbor. Copies of the regulations may be obtained from the Port Authority Office, 17 W. Dobins Landing, Erie, PA 16501, telephone 814-455-7557.

### **U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center** **24 hour Regional Contact for Emergencies**

RCC Cleveland	Commander	
	9th CG District	(216) 902-6117
	Cleveland, OH	



# Navigation Managers Area of Responsibility



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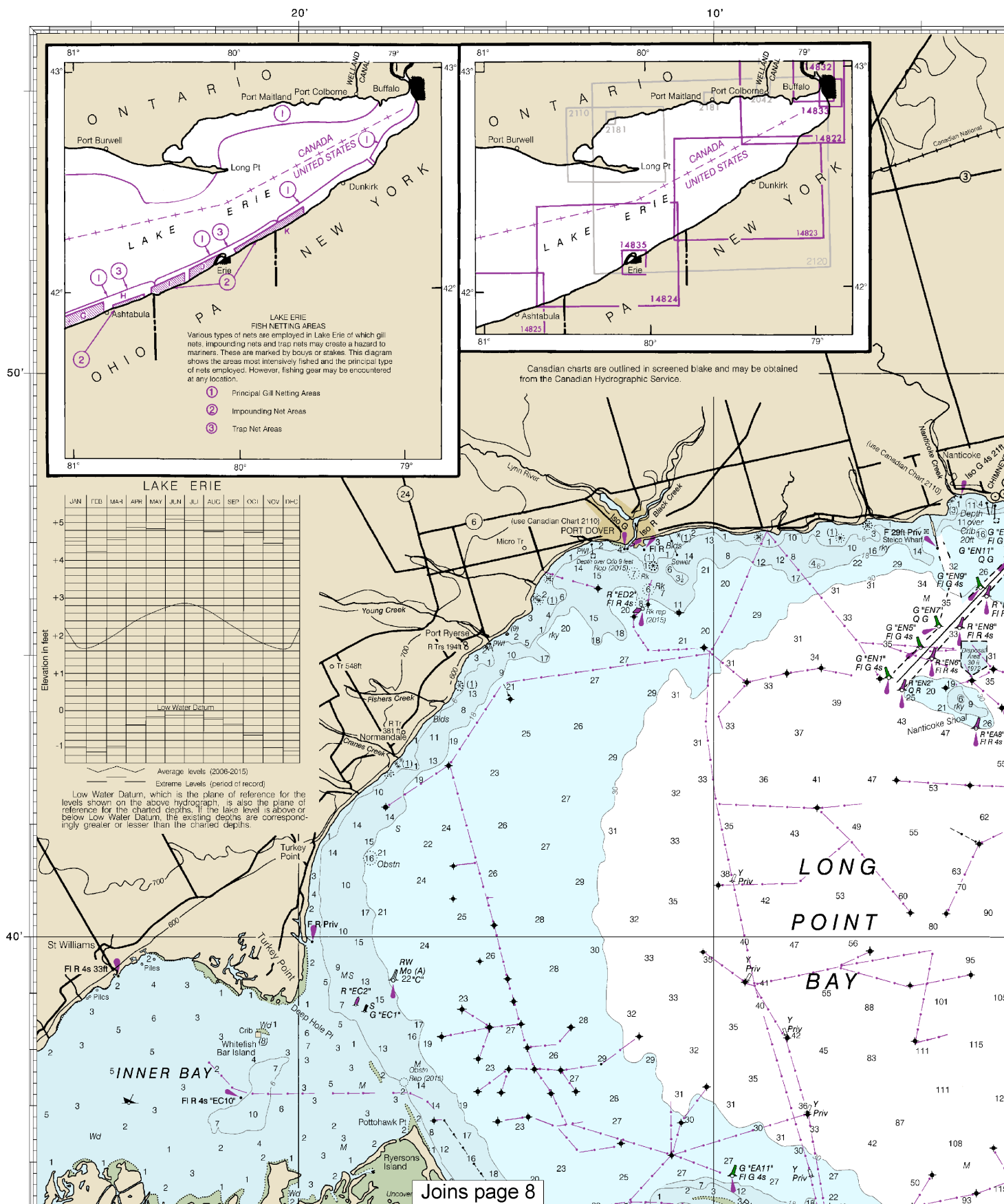
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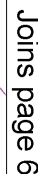
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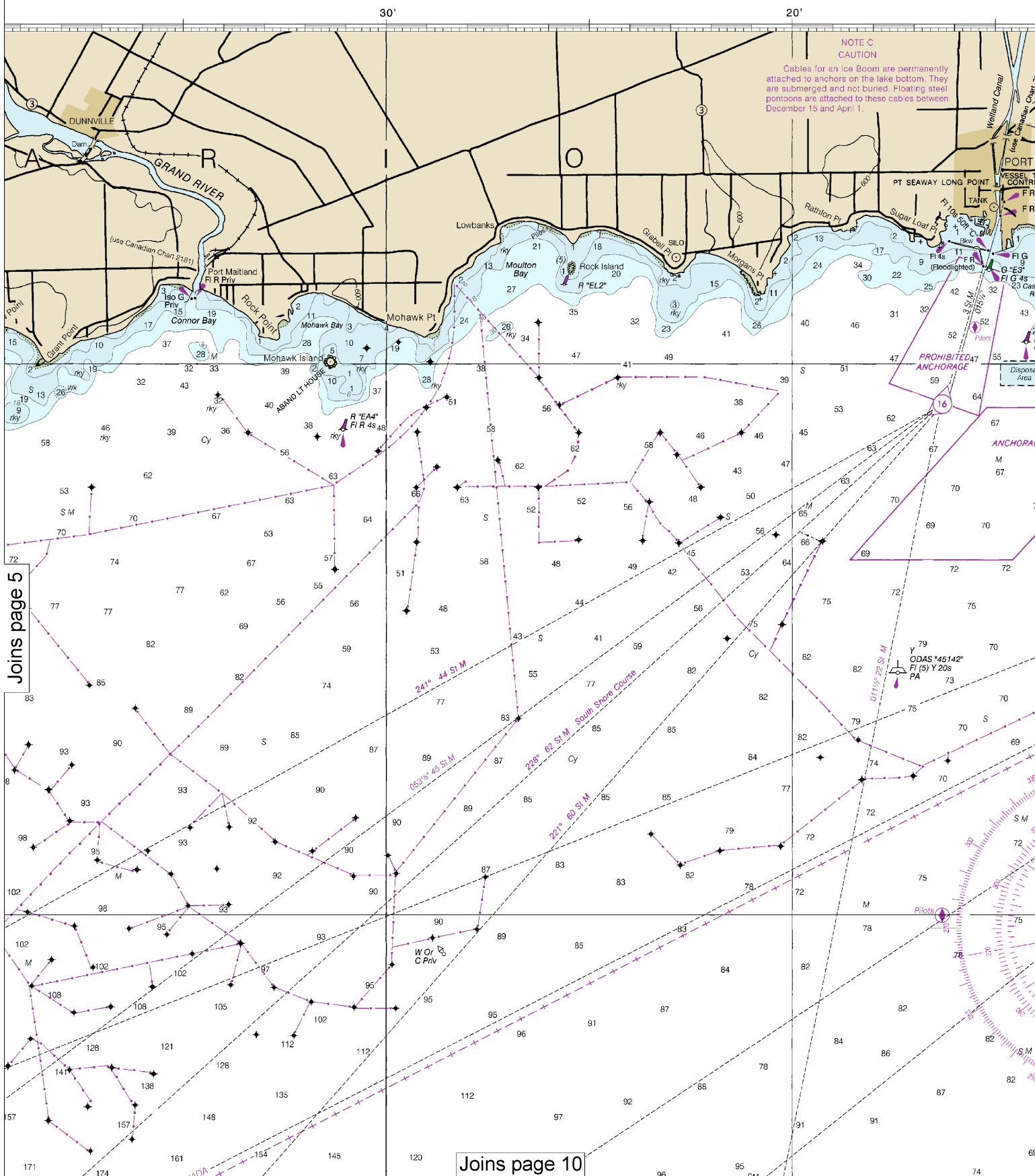
For more information on aids to navigation, including those on Western Rivers, please consult the latest USCG Light List for your area.

These volumes are available online at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov>





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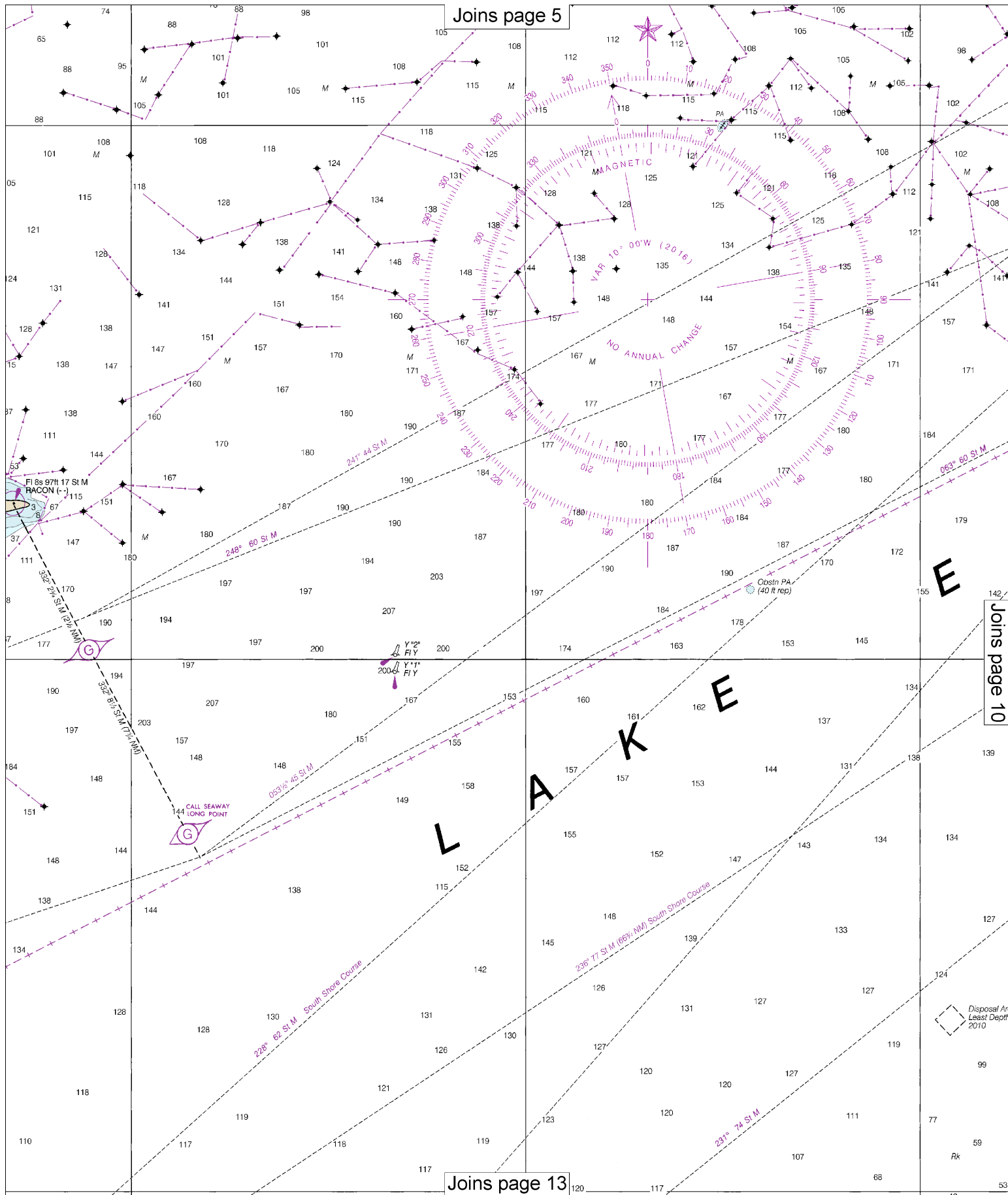
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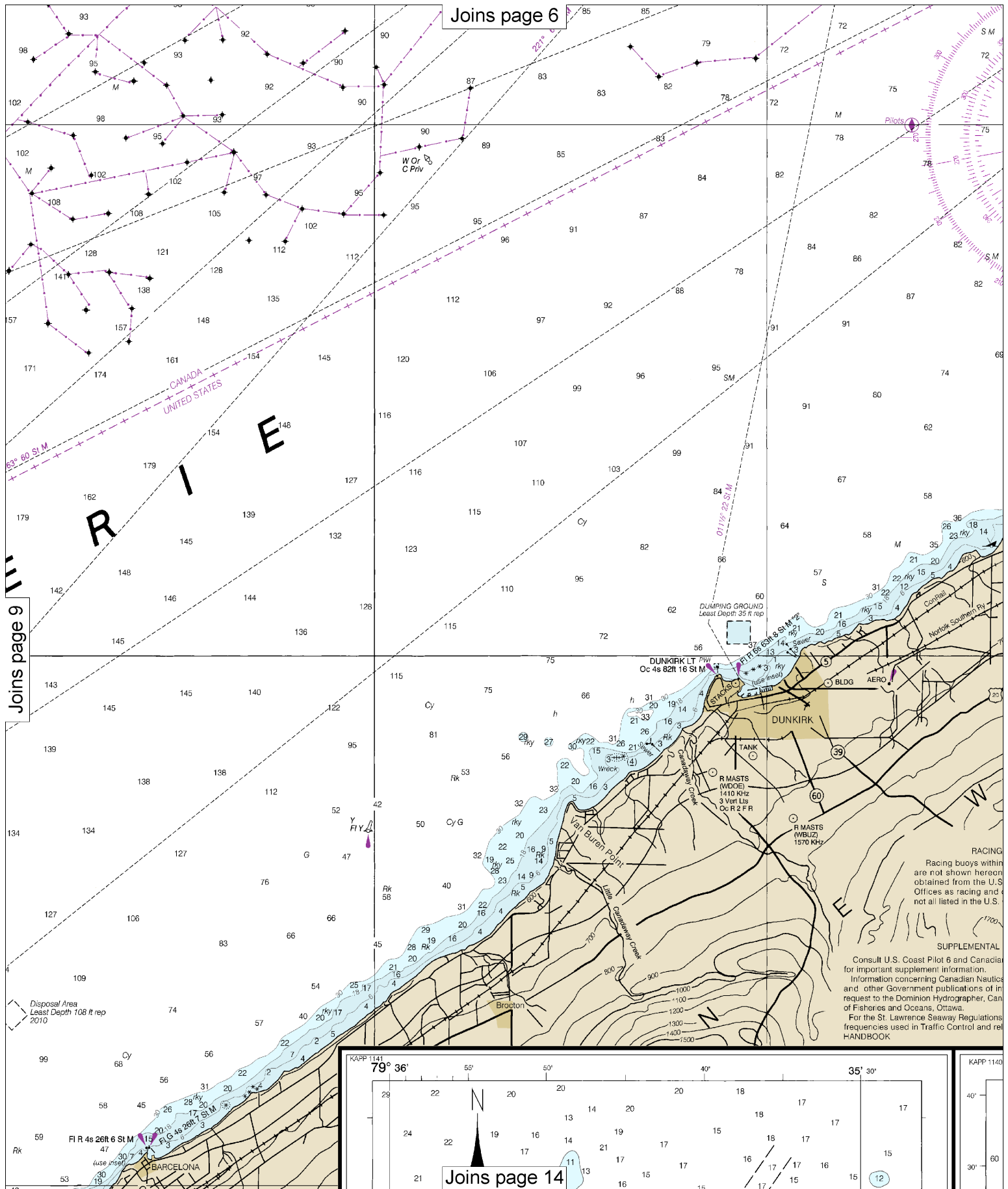
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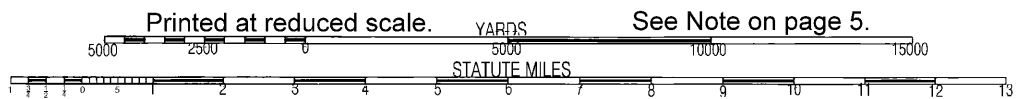
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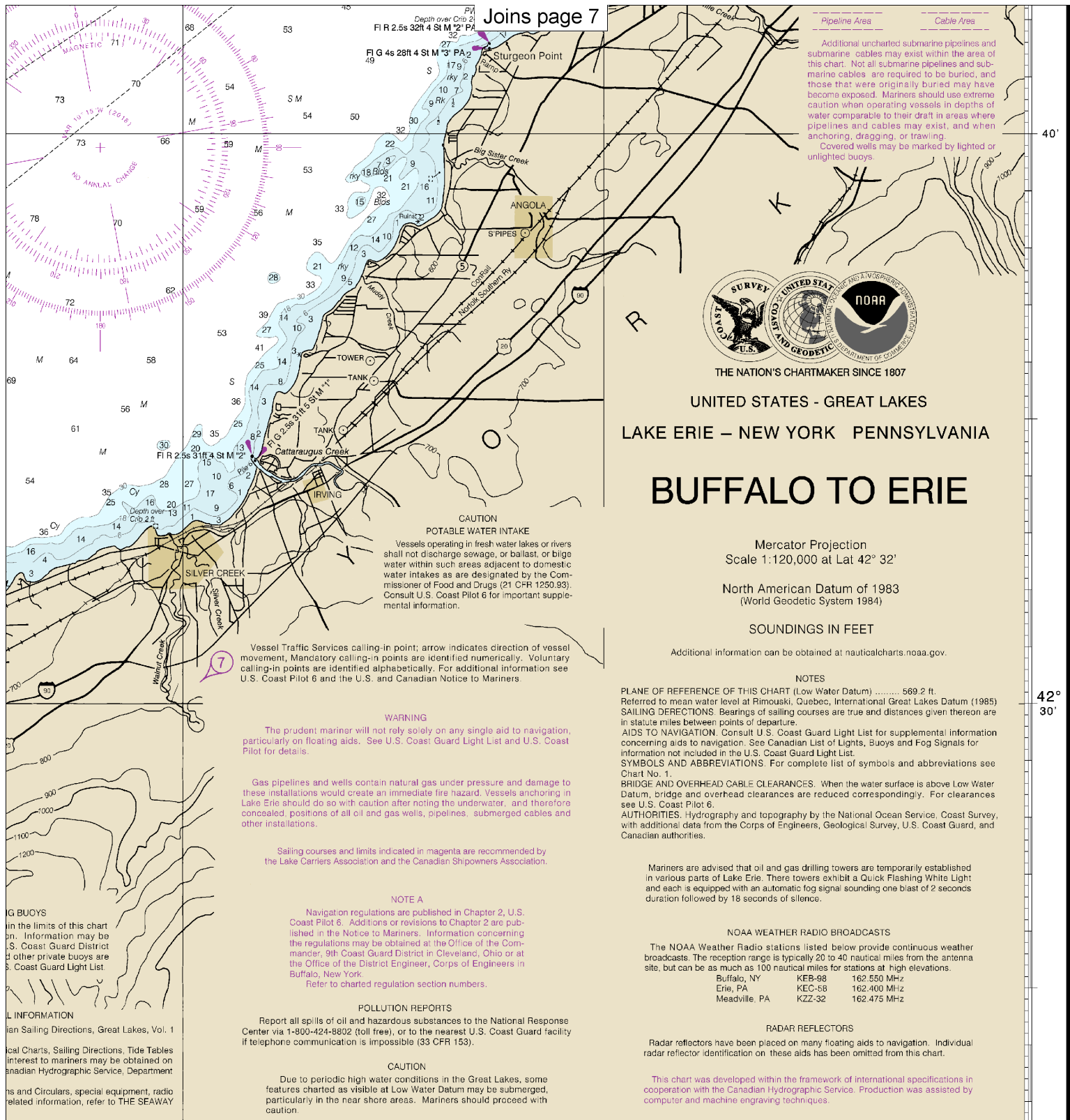
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See Note on page 5.

RACING  
Racing buoys within  
are not shown hereon  
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not all listed in the U.S.

SUPPLEMENTAL  
Consult U.S. Coast Pilot 6 and Canada  
for important supplement information.  
Information concerning Canadian Nautics  
and other Government publications of in  
request to the Dominion Hydrographer, Can  
of Fisheries and Oceans, Ottawa.  
For the St. Lawrence Seaway Regulations  
frequencies used in Traffic Control and rel  
HANDBOOK



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Pipeline Area  
Cable Area  
Additional uncharted submarine pipelines and submarine cables may exist within the area of this chart. Not all submarine pipelines and submarine cables are required to be buried, and those that were originally buried may have become exposed. Mariners should use extreme caution when operating vessels in depths of water comparable to their draft in areas where pipelines and cables may exist, and when anchoring, dragging, or trawling. Covered wells may be marked by lighted or unlighted buoys.



THE NATION'S CHARTMAKER SINCE 1807

UNITED STATES - GREAT LAKES  
LAKE ERIE - NEW YORK PENNSYLVANIA

# BUFFALO TO ERIE

Mercator Projection  
Scale 1:120,000 at Lat 42° 32'

North American Datum of 1983  
(World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FEET

Additional information can be obtained at [nauticalcharts.noaa.gov](http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov).

## NOTES

PLANE OF REFERENCE OF THIS CHART (Low Water Datum) ..... 569.2 ft.  
Referred to mean water level at Rimouski, Quebec, International Great Lakes Datum (1985)  
SAILING DIRECTIONS. Bearings of sailing courses are true and distances given thereon are in statute miles between points of departure.  
AIDS TO NAVIGATION. Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation. See Canadian List of Lights, Buoys and Fog Signals for information not included in the U.S. Coast Guard Light List.  
SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS. For complete list of symbols and abbreviations see Chart No. 1.  
BRIDGE AND OVERHEAD CABLE CLEARANCES. When the water surface is above Low Water Datum, bridge and overhead clearances are reduced correspondingly. For clearances see U.S. Coast Pilot 6.  
AUTHORITIES. Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey, U.S. Coast Guard, and Canadian authorities.

Mariners are advised that oil and gas drilling towers are temporarily established in various parts of Lake Erie. There towers exhibit a Quick Flashing White Light and each is equipped with an automatic fog signal sounding one blast of 2 seconds duration followed by 18 seconds of silence.

## NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS

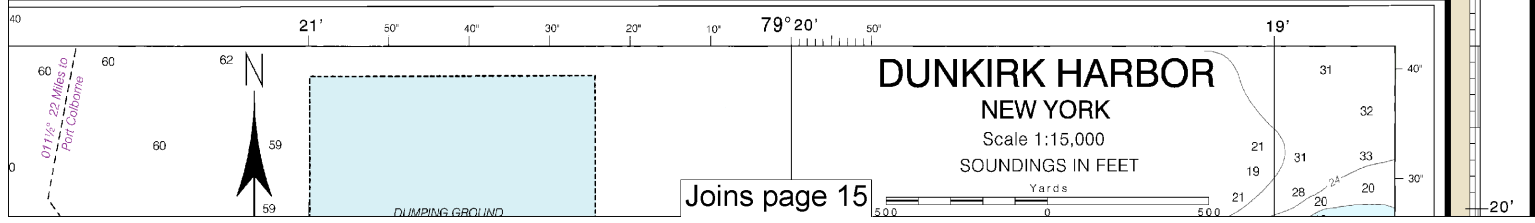
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Location	Frequency	Channel
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## RADAR REFLECTORS

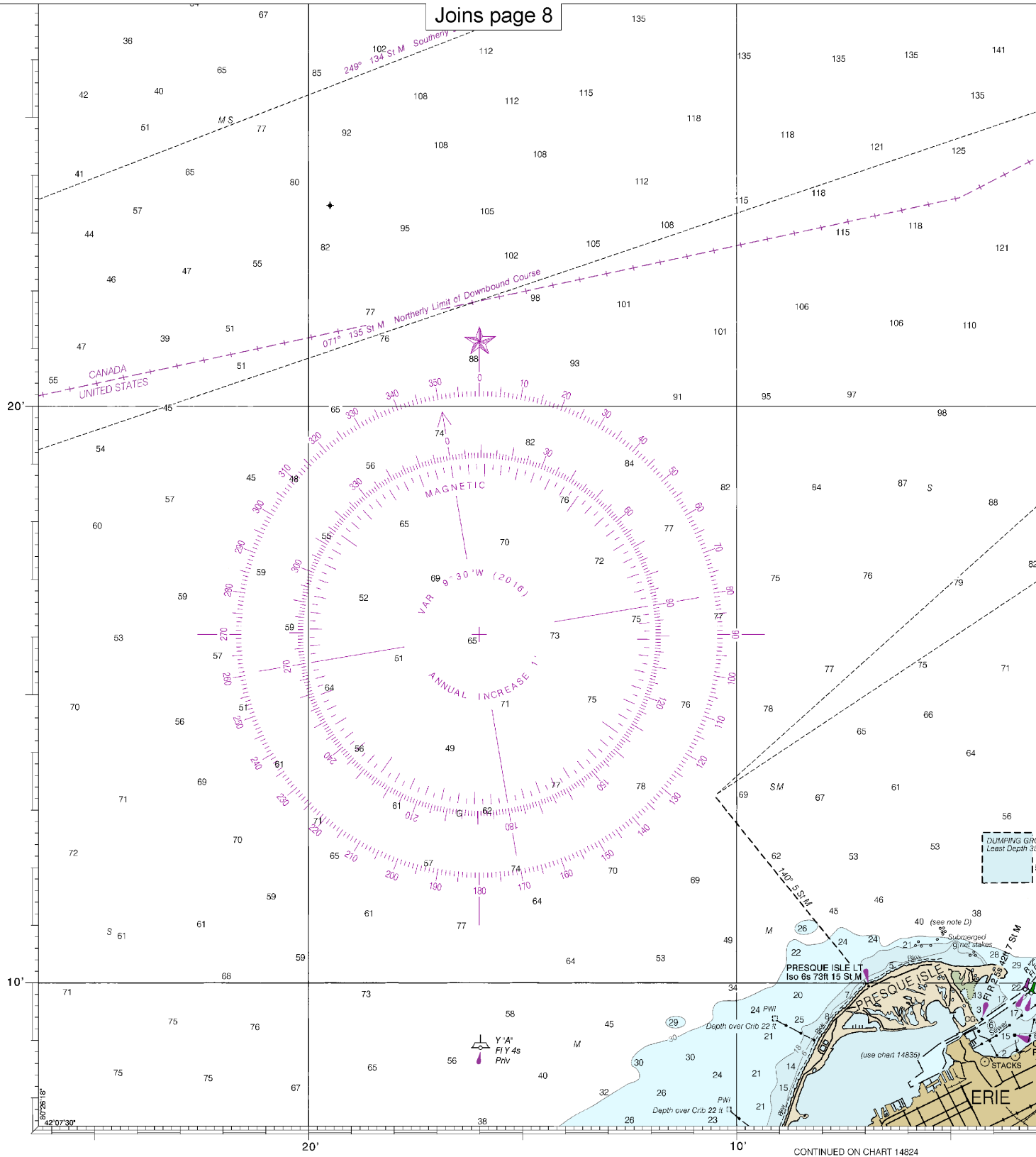
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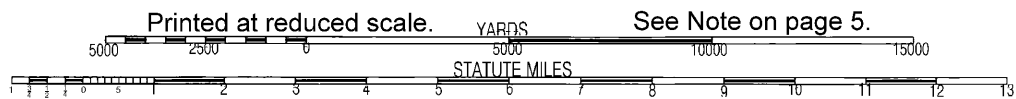


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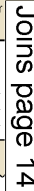
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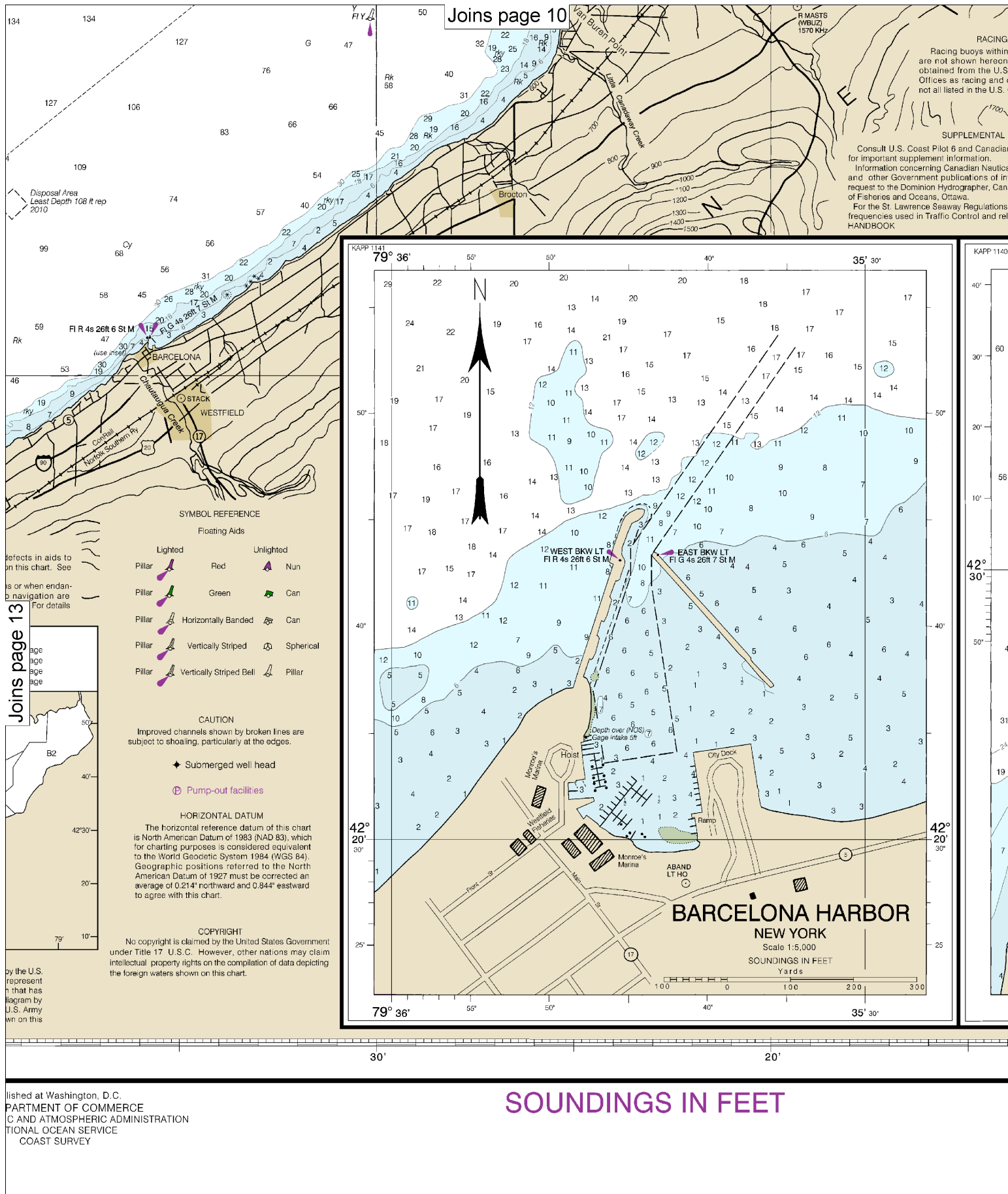


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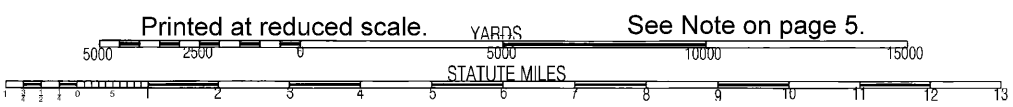


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Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2, U.S. Coast Pilot 6. Additions or revisions to Chapter 2 are published in the Notice to Mariners. Information concerning the regulations may be obtained at the Office of the Commander, 9th Coast Guard District in Cleveland, Ohio or at the Office of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers in Buffalo, New York.

Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

Report all spills of oil and hazardous substances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 153).

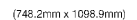
Due to periodic high water conditions in the Great Lakes, some features charted as visible at Low Water Datum may be submerged, particularly in the near shore areas. Mariners should proceed with caution.

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FEET	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78	84	90	96	102
METERS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17

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SOUNDINGS IN FEET - SCALE 1:120,000

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## VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

**Channel 6** – Inter-ship safety communications.

**Channel 9** – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

**Channel 13** – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

**Channel 16** – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

**Channel 22A** – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

**Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A** – Recreational boat channels.

**Getting and Giving Help** — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.

## Distress Call Procedures

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
- Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds — If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

**HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!**



**NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR)** is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information directly from the nearest National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts official Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/>

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